1	2	3	4	5
2.	Kurruppanthara-Chingavanam (26.4 Kms.)	2007-08	99.20	New work included in the Budget 2007-08. Plan and Estimates are under preparation.
3.	Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18.13 Kms.)	2007-08	48.38	New work included in the Budget 2007-08. Plan and Estimates are under preparation.

Passenger Amenities:

In the current year 2007-08, six stations in Kerala State have been identified for modernization. The works for modernization in all these stations are targeted for completion in phases by 31/03/2009. The list of stations identified for modernization is as follows:

SL No	Identified in year	Stations
1	2007-08	Shoranur Jn., Cannanore, Thalasseri, Ernakulam Town, Kottayam and Chengannur

An amount of Rs. 12 crores is proposed to be spent in station located in Kerala Station towards the various passenger amenity works including modernization works.

Rail projects on expenditure sharing basis in Karnataka

1508. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the on-going rail projects for the widening of rail tracks, electrification of rail routes, etc., in the State of Karnataka, on expenditure sharing basis between the State Government and the Railways;

(b) whether the State Government has requested to revise the sharing basis from 2/3rd by the States and 1/3rd by Railways to 50-50 basis;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Railways to the said proposal; and

(d) the allocation of the funds by the Railways during 2007-08 for each project and the likely time for the completion of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU): (a) and (d) Details are as under:—

SL No.	Project	Outlay 2007-08 (Rs. in crore)	Target date for completion wherever fixed
1.	Kottur- Harihar new line	30.70	Work on Kottur-Harpanhalli section is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
2.	Bidar-Gulbarga new line	20	No target date for completion is fixed.
3.	Sholapur-Gadag gauge conversion	65	Sholapur-Bagalkot section has already been commissioned. Bagalkot-Gadag is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
4.	Shimoga-Talaguppa gauge conversion	70	Work on Shimoga-Anandapuram section is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
5.	Doubling of Bangalore-Kengeri with electrification	0.50	Work completed and the section commissioned.
6.	Doubling of Kengeri-Ramanagaram	10	Kengeri-Ramanagaram is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
7.	Doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore	5.16	No target date for completion is fixed.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka had requested to reduce the State Government's sharing of cost of new line for Kottur-Harihar and doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore from 2/3rd to 50%. The decision has been taken not to change the agreed cost sharing pattern for the projects.

Railway employees in IRCTC

†1509. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway employees gone to IRCTC want to revert; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for their job satisfaction and security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Out of total 4727 railways' catering staff transferred to Indian Railway Catering

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.